

CLAIMS:

1. A network assembly for assigning an identification code to an electronic file from a communications network, comprising:
 - (a) a reference repository;
 - (b) an indexing unit linked with the reference repository; and
 - (c) an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit.
2. The network assembly according to claim 1 wherein the reference repository receives the electronic file from the communications network.
3. The network assembly according to claim 1 wherein the communications network comprises the Internet.
4. The network assembly according to claim 1 wherein the electronic file comprises published material.
5. The network assembly according to claim 1 wherein the reference repository stores characteristic information associated with the electronic file.
6. The network assembly according to claim 1 wherein the indexing unit assigns an identification code to the electronic file.
7. The network assembly according to claim 1 wherein the indexing unit assigns the identification code to the electronic file with respect to the characteristic information.

- 1 8. The network assembly according to claim 7 wherein the indexing unit
2 stores the identification code with respect to the characteristic
3 information.
- 1 9. The network assembly according to claim 7 wherein the identification
2 code comprises a library specific identification code.
- 1 10. The network assembly according to claim 7 wherein the editing unit
2 inserts the identification code to the electronic file.
- 1 11. The network assembly according to claim 10 wherein the editing unit
2 formats the identification code with respect to the electronic file.
- 1 12. The network assembly according to claim 1 further comprising a
2 review unit linked with the indexing unit.
- 1 13. The network assembly according to claim 12 wherein the review unit
2 dispatches the formatted electronic file from the network assembly.
- 1 14. The network assembly according to claim 12 wherein the review unit
2 dispatches the formatted electronic file to a book on demand machine.
- 1 15. Computer program code on a computer readable media for assigning
2 an identification code to an electronic file, comprising:
3 (a) a first computer program code for storing characteristic
4 information associated with the electronic file;
5 (b) a second computer program code linked with the first computer
6 program code for assigning an identification code to the
7 electronic file with respect to the characteristic information;
8 and

9 (c) a third computer program code linked with the first and the
10 second computer program codes for inserting the identification
11 code to the electronic file.

1 16. The computer program code according to claim 15 wherein the
2 second computer program code stores the identification code with
3 respect to the characteristic information.

1 17. The computer program code according to claim 15 wherein the third
2 computer program code formats the identification code with respect
3 to the electronic file.

1 18. The computer program code according to claim 15 further comprising
2 a fourth computer program code linked with the second computer
3 program code for forwarding the formatted electronic file.

1 19. The computer program code according to claim 18 wherein the fourth
2 computer program code dispatches the formatted electronic file to a
3 book on demand machine.

1 20. In a communications network environment, a method for assigning an
2 identification code to an electronic file, comprising the steps of:
3 (a) storing characteristic information associated with the electronic
4 file;
5 (b) assigning an identification code to the electronic file with
6 respect to the characteristic information; and
7 (c) inserting the identification code to the electronic file.